

PRICES GO UP A LITTLE

Efforts for Advance Meet With More Success Than for Few Days Past.

AVERAGE GAIN OVER A POINT

The Closing Strong But Very Dull—Bonds Firm and Lightly Dealt in.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The tentative effort to turn the prices upwards, which was in evidence yesterday and the day before in the stock market, met with better success to-day. The more favorable condition came from abroad just as the adverse factors from that direction have defeated the previous efforts to advance prices. The improvement was of a negative character, i.e., a gain consisting in an amelioration of the depression abroad. The numerous failures which occurred yesterday amongst banking houses at various points on the continent served to clear the atmosphere and to create the impression that the stock speculators were no longer interested and the mystery and suspense removed.

The beginning of the fortnightly settlement in London to-day failed to recover any weak positions which had been disposed of during the year, which have continued to the recent weakness there. The buying of to-day was attributed largely to the short account. This assumption was based in part upon the fact that the turn in price came without any change in the character of the news or in existing conditions.

The further rise in wheat and the fall in cotton were consistent in response to the war in East Asia. The average of the day's gains for the industrial stocks was about a point. St. Paul, Atlanta, and Chicago and Boston in transit were the leaders of the market, and United States Steel preferred did not share fully in the strength. The market was very dull, with rumors of a settlement of the Western grain rate war.

Bonds were firm, but were lightly dealt in. Total sales, par value, \$1,35,000.

United States threees, registered, declined 1/4 cent, total sales, \$1,000.

Total sales were 1,550 shares.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Money on call steady; offered at close 13-1/2. The bond firm; 1-1/2 to 1-1/4 per cent. Prime mortgagable paper 4-3/4 to 5-1/4 per cent. Sterling exchange easier, with actual basis 1/2 cent in banks; bills at 4-1/2 to 5-1/2 for demand, and at 4-1/2 to 5-1/2 for time. Bills posted at 4-1/2 to 5-1/2. Commercial bills 4-1/2 to 5-1/2; Bar silver 5-1/2; Mexican dollar 4-1/2.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 25, 1904.

SALES

Virginia-Century, 5,000 at 931/2; 1,000 at 931/2. Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. Col. Trust 5,000 at 91-1/2; 1,000 at 91-1/2.

STATE SECURITIES. B.M. Asked North Carolina, 6,000 at 102-1/2; 1,000 at 102-1/2. Va. 2d, New, 1,000 at 102-1/2. Va. Central, 2,000 at 101, 1,000 at 101-1/2.

EXCHANGES COTTON. Richmond, Va., Feb. 25, 1904.

Atlanta and Char. 1st, 102-1/2.

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